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This book is designed to help governors understand and appreciate the scope of their role.

The references to laws in this handbook mainly apply to England and Wales, but other issues of good governance are still relevant to schools in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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